



Mr. Allworthy was so much delighted with this information, that he took little Charles in his arms, kissed him several times, and carrying him to the book-case, told him, that half of those books should be his, and the other half he should give to master Thompson, adding, that he had also a ribbon for each. I thank you, Sir, said the good boy very modestly, for
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your kind intention, but I am afraid I should be thought proud and vain, if I wear your favour. No, my love, answered Mr. Allworthy, you are as much entitled to wear it as master Thompson. Every body will know, that it was not given you as a piece of finery, but as a mark of your desert. Then turning to master Smith who felt ashamed of his own unworthiness, You see child, said he, it is not the boy who rides in his coach, nor who is rich, who gains every one's approbation, but it is he who behaves best; who does what he is desired by his friends, and who endeavours to improve his own mind. Charles Nichols, in a whisper, begged to know, if Mr. Allworthy liked he should make a present of a book to each of the masters and other boys. Mr. Allworthy praised him for his design,